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## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### RAPID GERMAN RETREAT.

#### BRITISH PATROLS HARD ON ENEMY'S HEELS.

#### CONFUSION AMONG GERMAN TROOPS AND TRANSPORT.

Paris, October 9.  
A Havas message says:—Three considerable attacks were delivered yesterday by the Allies in France by British, American and French troops on a front of 20 miles between Cambrai and St. Quentin. The French under General Gouraud north-east of the Rhine front made an advance of five miles. The French and Americans advanced east of Verdun. Very important progress was made in every case. Never have the Germans looked more like a defeated Army.

240,000 Germans in Retreat.

Paris, October 10.  
A Havas message states:—The British Army yesterday entered Cambrai. During the day German explosives laid the town in ruins. The German main armies on a 20-mile front between Cambrai and St. Quentin, comprising 240,000 men strong, are in full retreat, with British troops upon their heels. In magnificent fighting on Tuesday 12,000 prisoners and 200 guns were captured.

Great Value of British Success.

London, October 10.  
Responsible quarters regard the British victory of the 8th inst. as by far the most important event in a remarkably fruitful week, because, apart from the sanguinary and costly defeat inflicted upon the enemy, the latter has thereby been compelled to undertake a retirement which will probably soon extend on the whole front between St. Quentin and Argonne.

The pivot of the enemy's defensive system between the Meuse and the sea has been smashed and his rear lines of defence constructed between the Oise and Argonne have been turned. His main rear line here, constructed two months ago, runs along the Rivers Serre and Sambre, thence to the Aisne at Conde, thence eastwards along that river to Argonne.

It is impossible to say how far-reaching the results of the British success will be. Much depends on the weather and the enemy's moral. His position is undoubtedly dangerous, his troops greatly exhausted and his fresh reserves practically used up. He cannot now make good the losses either in men or material. A general retirement in such circumstances may, to put it mildly, entail grave consequences.

The French General Staff regards the part played by the British during the past two months as very remarkable. It has expressed admiration at the series of battles they have won, as "models in conception and execution and classic examples of the military art."

The German Version.

London, October 10.  
A German official wireless message says:—In the face of strong infantry attacks in the direction of Le Cateau we retreated, fighting step by step towards new positions.

The Franco-American main thrust on Wednesday between the Aire and the Meuse was directed against Sommeuse and Romagne. Both remained in our hands. We recaptured Sivry, east of the Meuse.

Enemy's Rapid Retreat.

London, October 10.  
Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, writing today, says:—The enemy's withdrawal between St. Quentin and Cambrai yesterday was so rapid that our patrols were scarcely able to maintain touch with him. Last evening this swift retirement seemed to be continuing on our right, but machine-gun resistance was stiffening on the left.

Airmen report remarkable confusion among troops and transport moving eastwards from Le Cateau.

French Capture New Points.

London, October 10.  
A French communiqué states:—South of the Oise, we captured Servas and took prisoners.

Between the Ailette and the Aisne the pressure of our troops, assisted by Italian units operating on both sides of the Chemin des Dames, forced the Germans to retire beyond the Oise Canal.

Notwithstanding violent machine gunning, we captured Pessonne, Chivry, Verneuil, Courtrouy, Béurg and Comin, simultaneously crossing the Aisne east of Ouly. We drove back the enemy northwards and occupied Pargnan and Bureux.

### PRESIDENT WILSON'S PEACE REPLY.

#### EVACUATION OF INVaded TERRITORY DEMANDED.

#### GERMAN FRONTIER POPULATION IN TERROR.

Paris, October 10.  
A Havas message states:—President Wilson has replied to Germany. President Wilson's Note shows that the United States will not discuss the question of an Armistice until German troops are withdrawn everywhere from invaded territory. This vital condition is a necessary preliminary to an armistice. The answer leaves no loophole to the foe. President Wilson means to pin the Germans down to exact statements. The Second Clause of President Wilson's Reply will give the Germans a hard problem to solve.

The Reply is hailed with enthusiasm in Allied countries. There is no question of bolting the door on a righteous peace, but Germany must disgorge all things stolen, compensate the victims and be made powerless to repeat the brutal assault on common civilization.

The Reply has met with entire approval in France. It is not President Wilson's intention to treat with the Kaiser and his fellow criminals. The future of the Hohenzollerns is definitely raised.

In reply to its critics in London, President Wilson's Reply is logical and logical. He will not be drawn from sending a note to the Kaiser. The Reply places the German

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### PRESIDENT WILSON'S PEACE REPLY.

The Time to Fight.

Paris, October 9.

A Havas message states:—President Wilson having previously stated that he would not do business with a Government that breaks Treaties, the Senate has uncompromisingly opposed the German overtures. Mr. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, said the time had come to fight harder until victory is clinched. Speaker in Congress, regardless of party, opposed the armistice.

How Germany Joined the Peace Movement.

Paris, October 9.

According to a Havas message, it is stated, on good authority that Germany consented to join in the peace offer under great pressure from Austria and Turkey. The Kaiser was induced to submit to this humiliation in the hope of preventing his two remaining Allies from following the example of Bulgaria.

All evidence points to the fact that terror has taken hold of the German people in the frontier regions, who are shuddering at the advancing spectre of invasion.

### NEW GERMAN OUTRAGE.

Belgians Torn from Their Homes.

Paris, October 9.

A Havas message says:—The Germans have committed a new outrage on Belgium. From the coast to beyond Bruges, the male population between 15 and 45 years have been torn from their homes and compelled to do hard labour for the military needs of the enemy. The Germans have completed the ruin, pillage, arson and deportation.

### EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

#### THE BALKAN OPERATIONS.

London, Oct. 10.

A French eastern communiqué states: Franco-Serbian troops continue with extreme vigour to pursue the beaten Austro-Germans in southern Serbia. The Serbs, on October 8 entered Kovatz, taking five hundred prisoners. The French marching on Mitrovitz captured in the fighting at Ferizovic a hundred prisoners and twenty-seven guns, including eleven heavy. The Allies advancing on Prizrend put enemy detachments to flight. In Albania we continue our advance towards Elbasan, driving back the Austrian rearguards.

### MORE GERMAN DEVILRY.

Washington, Oct. 10.

A despatch from the American Ambassador at Paris is published dwelling on the German devastation and well-poisoning in the ruined districts of France, which he visited.

Amsterdam, Oct. 10.

"Les Nouvelles" states that the population of Bruges revolted against the attempts of the Germans to carry out deportations. The German soldiers killed and wounded many inhabitants.

### THE PALESTINE SUCCESSES.

London, Oct. 10.

A Palestine communiqué states: Franco-British warships entered the port of Beirut on Oct. 8 and found the town evacuated. Anglo-Indian infantry occupied the place on Oct. 8 and were received with enthusiasm. The prisoners now total 75,000. Not more than 17,000 of the Turkish Fourth, Seventh and Eighth Armies escaped, including 4,000 effective rifles.

### DUTCH MILITARY PRECAUTIONS.

The Hague, Oct. 10.

In the Second Chamber the Premier announced that in view of military developments in Belgium leave to soldiers in Zeeland is suspended. Similar measures will be taken in other Dutch provinces if necessary.

### SPANISH POLITICS.

Madrid, Oct. 10.

It is officially announced that all members of the Cabinet remain in office except Señor Alba, Minister for Public Instruction, whom Count Romanones succeeds. Premier Maura becomes also Minister for Justice.

### NEW MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS.

London, Oct. 10.

There are unconfirmed reports that General Mackensen is at Belgrade with a large Austro-German force; also that the Porte has been informed that a Bulgarian attack on Turkey in co-operation with the Allies may be expected.

### THE LOSS OF THE HIRANO MARU.

London, Oct. 10.

The N.Y.K. liner Hirano Maru has been torpedoed. She sank in seven minutes. Over two hundred were aboard, including ninety-seven passengers, of whom only a few were saved. Details and precise figures are unavailable.

### NEW KING OF FINLAND.

Stockholm, Oct. 10.

The Finnish Laitta has elected Prince Friedrich Karl, second cousin to the Kaiser, King of Finland. The Republicans did not vote.

### A GERMAN PROMISE.

Bern, Oct. 10.

Germany has promised to punish the airmen who burned the Swiss balloons and pay compensation.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

#### THE PEACE QUESTION.

British Labour Stands Firm.

London, Oct. 9.

A joint meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress and National Executive of the Labour Party passed a resolution expressing the opinion that further induction of the German peace offer is absolutely necessary before the Allies' military effort can be checked. As an essential preliminary the Central Powers must withdraw their armies from all occupied territory and publicly and unequivocally declare their willingness to apply President Wilson's principles honestly and unreservedly to every question to be dealt with in the final settlement.

Austria Eager for Peace.

London, Oct. 10.

There are numerous indications of Austria's eagerness for peace. A rumour in Vienna that an armistice had been concluded on all fronts compelled the Government to issue a warning against premature hopes. Meanwhile the German National Council in Austria is urging against a separate peace and demanding the creation of an independent German-Austrian State. It is reported that the Ministerial Council at Vienna has decided to introduce national autonomy in order to meet President Wilson's stipulation.

Deeds Wanted.

Rome, Oct. 10.

President Wilson's reply expresses wholeheartedly what the Entente desired. The Central Powers must now show by deeds that the proposed armistice is inspired by good faith.

Rumoured Abdication of Kaiser.

Stockholm, Oct. 9.

There is a persistent rumour here that the Kaiser has abdicated.

Talk Useless.

Washington, Oct. 10.

It is authoritatively stated that President Wilson does not intend entering upon a series of unfruitful diplomatic conversations with Germany.

Press Comment.

London, Oct. 10.

The "Daily Chronicle" comments: If President Wilson's preliminary enquiries are answered a full statement will doubtless be made after consultation with the Allies and it will naturally embody much more than the fourteen points, which are partly out of date. President Wilson makes it clear that there can be no armistice or negotiations till we have something more than the perfidious Hohenzollerns to negotiate with.

The "Daily Telegraph" says: "Are you honest?" is the meaning of President Wilson's expressed in smooth sentences with iron and steel in their texture. It is a polite way of telling Germany and Austria to take their bloodstained hands off every victim. "The Allies won't tolerate bluff. If Germany wants an armistice she must sue as loser."

The "Morning Post" says: President Wilson gauged the temper of his own people and the Allies rightly in refusing to come to terms with the enemy, still in Franco-Belgian "cl, still boasting, still unrepentant."

The "Daily News" says the reply is assured of unanimous endorsement in every Allied country. The acid test of Germany's good faith will be her reply to the demand for a withdrawal from the invaded territory. To comply means a frank confession of defeat. To resist is to take the road to ruin. Any answer except a plain "Yes" will be given the value of a plain "No" and the war will take its course.

The "Daily Express" says it is the Reichstag not the Kaiser which must answer President Wilson.

The "Daily Mail" says: President Wilson's determination to leave questions of military importance to the High Command which means Marshal Foch is one he shares with Lincoln. The reply confirms the complete unity of the Allies.

The "Times" says the firm, wise reply is characteristic of President Wilson's sincerity and clearness of thought. The expression eliminates all idea of an armistice as a preliminary to any discussion. He does not promise an armistice even if Germany evacuates the invaded territory. Evacuation is the first but certainly not the only condition before consideration of an armistice is possible.

New York, Oct. 10.

The American press comment on President Wilson's reply generally emphasises that there can be no negotiations without unconditional surrender, although President Wilson has cleverly thrown back German insincerity upon the enemy Government who is left without the desired excuse that it asked vainly for peace upon President Wilson's own conditions. Germany consequently is now wallowing in a terrible diplomatic hole and bereft of any useful home propaganda.

Paris, Oct. 10.

The press unanimously welcome the tone and substance of President Wilson's reply. They state the Government is unreservedly congratulating itself thereon, and emphasise that the waiting world will again see that good faith is the only rule inspiring the whole of the Allies as regards the Germans' next move. The "Temps" adds:—Perhaps the wording of Germany's reply will exempt Austro-Hungary, to whom President Wilson wisely abstained from replying.

THE ADVANCE IN FRANCE.

How the Allied Line Runs.

London, Oct. 9.

Reuter learns that yesterday, between Cambrai and St. Quentin the Allies captured 11,000 prisoners and over two hundred guns. We now practically hold the Cambrai-St. Quentin railway. The maximum advance at five o'clock had reached a depth of five miles at Bapaume on the Le Cateau road.

The fighting to-day was with only weak rearguards. Yesterday the enemy employed twenty-three divisions on a twenty-mile front and vainly strove to beat back our attacks. Consequently he was hammered in fair fight and the present retreat forced upon him. In Aragon the Franco-American attacks are progressing, but there are no details.

The Allied line now runs as follows: We hold Abancourt, north of Cambrai; Bapaume, Escaudencourt, Aincourt, Berry and Bapaume. Our possession of the last two named is doubtful. We reached the western edge of Bohain, the western edge of Fresnoy and westwards of Fonsomme. Thence the line runs due south to Metzieres. We are through all the enemy's fortified zones in this area. The situation is growing in interest very rapidly owing to the huge salients which are growing hourly consequently lengthening the line the Germans must hold. There is no news as regards where abouts the German retreat is likely to be.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

Belgian Band Arrives.  
A great ovation was accorded recently to the 117 Belgian Army musicians who had been specially selected by the Queen of the Belgians to play in England. They travelled to Victoria Station in the leave boat train, and were met by a reception committee headed by Countess Ursula. A massed band of the Brigade of Guards struck up the "Belgian March," and subsequently played the visitors through the streets to the British Club for Belgians in Caxton Place.

Post Office Enter-prise.

The Post Office Department of New Zealand has arranged for a special safe-deposit system whereby the public can arrange for the deposit of sealed packages not exceeding 11 inches in length, containing valuable documents, such as wills, insurance policies, debentures, deeds, etc., in 25 of the principal post offices of the Dominion. The charge for this service varies from 5s. to £1 per annum according to the size of the packages deposited. Applications for the deposit of packets may be made at any money order office in charge of a permanent official, when the packets will be forwarded to the offices prepared to accept safe-deposit packages.

Useful Needlework.  
Instead of the more delicate branches of the art of needlework, school girls in the United States are now taught methods of cleaning and repairing old clothes, and salvaging material which otherwise would be wasted. Before the war, the girls were taught how to make new garments cheaply and artistically; now they are taught conservation. Courses have been given in renovation and remodelling garments. All garments have been simply made with little lace and trimming. Decoration and ornamentation have been simplified. Careful selection and purchase of material have been emphasized. Clothing conditions in the trade world have been studied. Red Cross sewing, surgical dressing and sewing for Belgian children have been given, both as a part of the class work and in outside time, to volunteers.

Autumn Hats.

Hongkong ladies who would follow American styles in autumn millinery should know that jester, tortoise shell, and other ornaments should be used as trimmings. Advance models shown in New York last month have high crowns, round and stiff, and are entirely covered with the beads. They are used with brims of velvet or panne velvet, most of which are large and some of which have irregular lines or upturned backs or fronts. Ornaments of jet, paradise, and ostrich form the trimmings. A new trimming which is being introduced makes use of tortoise shell ornaments in the form of pins that are used in the hair. Some are similar to Spanish combs, while others have large, round heads. Both light and dark tortoise shell ornaments are used, and they are placed either at the front or at the side of the hat. On tailored hats these trimmings are regarded as very effective.

Remarkable Case.

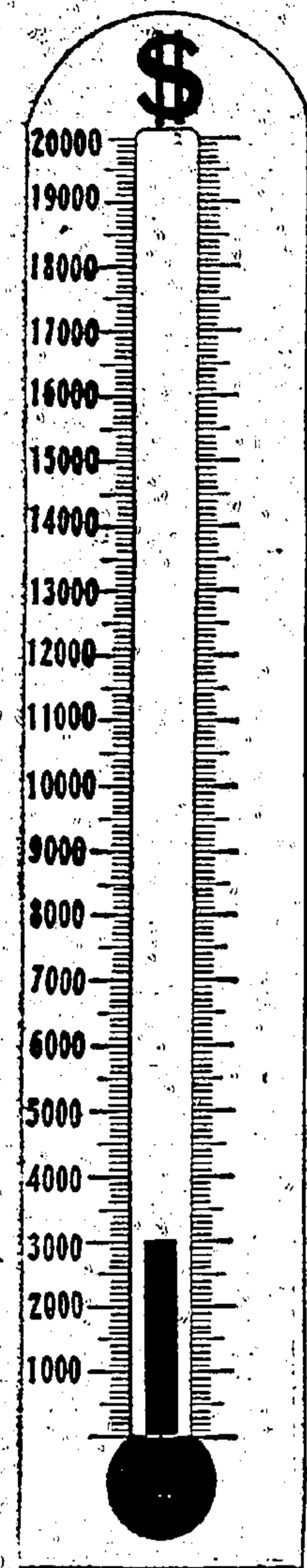
A remarkable incident occurred recently in a Ceylon court. A man and a woman had been charged with the murder of another man, whose body, it was alleged, had been cut up, packed in a sack, and sunk in a river. The uncle of the man gave evidence of the murder, and another witness said that he had heard the voice of the deceased pleading with the accused not to beat or kill him. At the second hearing of the case it was stated that the alleged murderer was alive, and at a subsequent hearing he was produced in court. And what is more, he stated that the accused man had never beaten him nor was ever angry with him. The case stunned the magistrate, who said he would see if proceedings could be taken against the witness for attempting to implicate the accused. The other witness, however, was not present at the second hearing.

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## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No.	Boundary No.	Boundary Description (approximate)	Area in	Area in	Area in	Area in
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2	2	2	2	2	2	2
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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1918.

### REPARATION.

Three years ago to-day the people in the whole of the civilised world—which, of course, excludes Germans—were horrified to learn that a British Red Cross nurse,—Edith Cavell, had been cruelly done to death by some of the Kaiser's satellites, on a trumped-up charge of being a spy. That there should be savagery in Europe, who would stoop to shoot a woman on the flimsiest of evidence and with no chance to prove her innocence was hardly to be believed, and there is no wonder that when the truth was fully realised, people the world over were up in arms against the perpetration of such diabolical murder. Three years have passed since then, and, curiously enough, on the third anniversary of the murder of Edith Cavell, the Germans, in spite of all the savage methods of warfare and disregard of international laws, now find themselves in the position of a beaten foe. The end of Germany is the end to which all those come who deliberately and in cold blood stoop to perpetrate crimes awful for their savagery. Germany's plight is indeed inexcusable. She has reached the end of her tether, and she realises now as she has never done before that her arms have no hope of success and that, in spite of all she has done to win the war, her name will stink in the nostrils of all decent men for generations to come. Could any nation have sunk lower?

The death-knell of Germany has struck. The arch criminals of Europe who for long years have studied the most terrifying means of warfare, have had the knowledge thrust upon them that the crimes for which Germany is guilty are not to be allowed to go unpunished. It has probably come as a surprise to her to learn that the Allies are exceedingly backward in grasping the olive branch which she has offered. With all the self-assurance and arrogance of the Hun he no doubt thought Britain and her Allies would fall over themselves to come to peace terms. One thing is certain he never anticipated for one moment that we should reject his terms of peace with the scorn that they deserve and make certain conditions with which he would have to comply before any armistice or peace negotiations were commenced. Had he not been filled with his own self-importance he would long ago have realised that he had conducted the war in such a way as to make his unconditional surrender the only basis of peace. It was just like the Hun to underestimate the power and strength of will of his adversaries. But he knows now and the knowledge is plainly causing him much bitter thought. As yet he has merely thrown out peace feelers, but the unprecedented drive of the Allies on the western front and in other theatres of war is having such a demoralising effect upon him that frenzied appeals for peace at any price is only a matter of a few months. The Germans have lost much ground of late, and are still on the run, that even if they are far recover as to stem the Allied advance they have not sufficient reserve strength to throw back the Allies, who can afford to wait knowing that success will eventually be theirs. This being the case Germany is not by any means looking forward to the winter and the inevitable forward advance of the Allies next spring. Germany is bottled up and she may as well now accept the conditions, which the Allies are determined shall be imposed upon her.

There is splendid strength in the decision which has been quickly reached by the French and Belgian Governments that reparation for the pillaging and murders, burning and destruction on the part of Germany shall be exacted in full whether the German Government of the day be repentant or unrepentant. These two of our Allies are not going to mince matters, and knowing what we do of the towns in France and Belgium which have been wantonly destroyed by German hordes we can only applaud any decision which will make Germany pay for the wrongs she has done. Germany had better understand now that the Allies are determined there shall be reprisals. She will have to deliver up her own towns for those she has destroyed. This is the only way to teach her what real defeat means. Give her a taste of the bitter experiences which have fallen to the lot of those homeless people in France and Belgium.

### A Rising Barometer.

We are extremely gratified to notice that the Lady May Rose Fund barometer is rising. From to-day's list it will be seen that the \$3,000 mark has now been passed, and we sincerely trust that there will be another big upward jump soon. As is known, last year over \$13,000 was secured before the Day itself, and this year an effort is being made to reach at least \$20,000. "Our Day" on this occasion is to be celebrated on the 24th instant, as subscribers have less than a fortnight in which to make the "mercury" rise to the topmost mark. Unhappily, Lady May will not be here when the Day is observed, but that should be all the more reason for making the Fund as big as possible, as a tribute to her universal popularity and a mark of the Colony's warm feelings towards her at this time. It is a good idea that has been hit upon to appeal to Britons in other parts of South China, who cannot come to Hongkong on "Our Day," to utilise this Fund in order to swell the day's total, and we feel sure that there will be a satisfactory response from these quarters. In the meantime, it is up to Hongkong residents to see that the barometer keeps steadily rising.

### Heroes All.

It is only giving honour where honour is due when both Sir Douglas Haig and Mr. Lloyd George make special mention of the fact that the newest successes in France have been won by men who bore the brunt of the main German forces in the enemy's spring offensive. The Commander-in-Chief speaks in the most glowing terms of what the men under his command have done, describing them as "having proved themselves 'soldiers of the highest order.' The Premier touches on the same point and rightly states that what our troops have accomplished may be regarded as the greatest chapter in our military history. For we who are so far removed from the scene of fighting, it is hard to realise what the winning of these triumphs involves in the way of courage, tenacity and heroism, but we can imagine something of it when we ponder over the fact that the Huns, in attempting to stop the Allied advance, have been fighting with a desperation never before displayed. But no odds, people the world over were up in arms against the perpetration of such diabolical murder. Three years have passed since then, and, curiously enough, on the third anniversary of the murder of Edith Cavell, the Germans, in spite of all the savage methods of warfare and disregard of international laws, now find themselves in the position of a beaten foe. The end of Germany is the end to which all those come who deliberately and in cold blood stoop to perpetrate crimes awful for their savagery. Germany's plight is indeed inexcusable. She has reached the end of her tether, and she realises now as she has never done before that her arms have no hope of success and that, in spite of all she has done to win the war, her name will stink in the nostrils of all decent men for generations to come. Could any nation have sunk lower?

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### DAY BY DAY.

#### ONLY WHEN KING AND PEOPLE THOROUGHLY TRUST EACH OTHER CAN WE SLEEP WITHOUT DREAD.

#### To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the fourth anniversary of the German occupation of Ghent.

#### The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 4/15/18d.

#### Betrothal.

The engagement is announced of Miss Valerka Wahr and Mr. Otto Sutz.

#### Cathedral Services.

To-morrow the Rt. Rev. Bishop Banister will be the preacher at St. John's Cathedral at the morning service. The Rev. J. S. Harrington will preach at the evening service.

#### New Council Member.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, Mr. Stanley Hudson Dodwell to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council during the absence from the Colony of the Honourable Mr. Edward Shellard or until further notice, with effect from this date.

**Macao's New Governor.**

His Excellency Senator and Madame Arthur Tagminini de Barbossa and party left Hongkong for Macao to-day (by the Portuguese gunboat *Patris*) where His Excellency will assume the Governorship of Macao. We understand that elaborate preparations have been made in Macao to receive His Excellency and that he takes the formal oath of office on Monday. Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, A.D.C. to H. E. the Officer administering the Government, saw the new Governor off to-day.

#### Stolen Metal.

A boiler cleaner was sentenced by Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe this morning to one month's hard labour for stealing a piece of zinc plate, valued at \$5, from a Japanese steamer belonging to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Defendant's plea was that the plate was found in the pavilion by adding a further story, adding a fully equipped bath-room and generally making the pavilion more attractive and comfortable, but the lack of money has been the difficulty. Your Committee have felt it their duty to the debtors to pay off the debtors whenever opportunity arose, as for fifteen years only eleven debtors were paid off. Now I am glad to say over half of the 300 issued have been redeemed. When the War is over and our membership increases we should with careful management soon attain a position of financial strength such as to enable us to carry out our pavilion scheme and at the same time offer greater facilities and comfort to members. Our President, Mr. Maitland is now on his way back to the Colony. You will have an opportunity of electing a President for the season shortly and although Mr. Maitland has expressed a desire to retire in favour of a younger member I do not think that as long as Mr. Maitland is available we desire to look for another President. Our thanks are due to Mr. Maitland for generously presenting the Club before he went away with his five debtors. The War, which I am glad to say looks within reasonable distance of coming to an end with complete victory for the Allies, has, I am sorry to say, claimed more of our members and we have to deeply regret the loss of Mr. O. F. Cunningham, M. J. E. Greson, Mr. H. I. Jones, and Mr. H. Arthur, all members of this club. Mr. Arthur was probably the finest wicket keeper who ever performed on this ground. Mr. H. I. Jones will be remembered for the great assistance he gave us in the many concerts held on this ground.

**Coolie Summons Coolie.**

A coolie in charge of a dust cart was summoned before Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe this morning by a ricksha coolie, on two counts, for assaulting him and damaging his ricksha. Complainant stated that the dust cart was proceeding towards his ricksha in Tim Lok Lane and he prepared to avoid it when the defendant alighted from his cart and assaulted him. The car collided with his ricksha and broke the shafts. Defendant pleaded guilty. Mr. Wolfe ordered the defendant to pay the fine of \$2 on the first charge, and \$1 compensation, as well as the cost of making good the damage.

**An Ingenious Explanation.**

Two Chinese were charged this morning with the theft of an anchor valued at \$10, from a junk lying at the Bawring Canal. Sergeant McWalter stated that at midnight on the 10th instant the defendants sailed a small boat to the complainant's junk and stole the anchor from the bow. The removal of the iron shackle awoke the complainant, who shouted out. The boat capsized and the defendants were thrown overboard together with the anchor. The defendants were picked up and kept in custody by the complainant until four o'clock in the morning, when they were handed over to a detective. The first defendant stated that his boat was proceeding, with the second defendant on board, to look for a junk and owing to the strong current was cast adrift and came into contact with the complainant's junk. The impact awoke the complainant and they were accused of the theft. A previous conviction was registered against both defendants and his Worship sentenced the first to three months' hard labour and the second to six weeks' hard confinement.

**Ex-Soldiers in Pig-Sties.**

Two cases of discharged soldiers and their families living in disused wooden pig-sties on vacant land were reported by an inspector to the Sheffield Corporation. The Corporation declare: "That this state of things proves the urgent necessity of providing further housing accommodation, and requests that the Corporation should promote such a scheme."

Parliamentary Committee, the members of which are short of money, although the members of the

### HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

### 1893.

#### HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the week ending October 19, 1893.)

#### The Dollar.

October 12.—The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 2/5d.

#### Housing of Troops.

October 13.—Very serious complaints have been made this summer as to the housing of the troops in the outlying parts of the Colony. The men who have been stationed at the new model (7) barracks at Lyttonwood, to look after the big guns, have to put up with misfit doors, rotten walls, badly designed and abominably constructed ventilators. If this sort of thing is to become permanent, the War Office authorities in Pimlico should be requisitioned to serve out "Boston swimming-dates" and sea boots.

As one Tommy facetiously remarked, "If this is the new barracks, give me a blooming ten!"

To whom another retorted, "It's all right to have a hansom bath, but we don't want to live in it!"

At Kowloon it is equally bad, and there is urgent need of improvement.

These complaints are

proved genuine by the fact that the hospital rate is going up rapidly.

Servants' Registry.

October 17.—As will be seen by a notice in our advertising columns, another laudable attempt is being made to establish a Servants' Registry Office in this Colony. The desirability of having such a useful institution has long been recognised but, whether owing to the opposition of Chinese servants, the supineness of employers, or some other reason, the fact remains that so far the efforts of the promoters have failed.

However the advantages offered in this latest enterprise are so manifestly to the advantage of both employer and servant that it should command, as it certainly deserves, the support of the community.

#### St. Andrew.

October 18.—In regard to St. Andrew's ball, Scotland may be all right, and Hongkong may do its best, but Manila "takes the cake." According to the *Vos Espadas*, "the Municipal Corporation is getting up a magnificent ball for the 30th Nov., to solemnise (!) the feast of St. Andrew, Patron Saint of Manila."

#### Home Rule Debate.

October 19.—The "Odd Volumes" will open their second session on Friday, October 27th, with a debate in the usual room at the Hongkong Hotel; the subject is to be Home Rule, and the hon. secretary notifies that "the debate will be conducted as much as possible on Parliamentary lines," so that a few lively stand-up fight may be expected. Stretchers will be provided by the Society. Please bring your own brickbats.

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## THE HARBOUR SWIM.

A Comfortable Win for A. Logan.

Under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club, the annual Harbour Swim took place last evening. Long before the race was timed to start, crowds of people gathered on the Praya and several launches, motorboats, canoes and even yachts were commissioned by spectators to follow the course of the race. The official launch left Murray Pier at 4.45 p.m. There were thirteen entries in all, but as Sergt. White, R.E., who came in fifth last year, did not wish to compete this year, there were twelve starters. This was two in excess of last year. Those who faced the starter were: —A. Logan, A. V. Barro, D. Leing, R. Lee, Sgt. Strenge, R.A.M.C., R. Tatam, C. Lyon, G. M. Rose, Lam Ping Yin, C. Chao, Br. Moody, R.G.A. and S. A. Marcal. They entered the water on the word of Mr. A. A. Alves, who acted as starter.

The race very soon became a single man's affair, Logan leading by a good distance from the very start. Young Lyon was doing well, however, and would have undoubtedly given a very stiff race to Logan had he that experience enabling him to keep a straight course. As it was Lyon was carried off by the tide and he could be seen swimming towards the Arsenal pier. Leing, Lee, Chao and Lam were swimming pretty close to one another and eventually they too were carried off by the tide in the same direction as Lyon. Barro and Marcal were close to one another, bidding fairly strong for the second place. The race soon developed itself into a keen struggle for the second and third positions, those competitors who were fancied as coming in for places being Lyon, Barro and Marcal. Young Lyon was second a good distance away, but opinion on board the official launch was doubtful whether he could pick up the distance or not. Marcal and Barro were swimming neck and neck and finally Barro shook off Marcal and maintained his lead to the end. The only swimmers that were considered to have a chance of places now were Rose, who was about 150 yards away from Barro, and Marcal and Lyon.

Logan came in easily first, as he had made the best use of his lead and he finished the course in 29 min. 13 secs. Eager crowds were on the Praya and on launches waiting for the second man. He was soon forth coming. This was young Lyon, who reached the winning post some three minutes after Logan. Meanwhile Barro and Marcal were to be seen striving for third place, but Barro had a slight lead and he came in third with Marcal hot on his heels. The order of the other competitors was Marcal, Lyon, Rose, Lee and Chao, Lam, Tatam, Strenge and Moody. Marcal presumably did not finish.

Taken as a whole, the race was rather exciting, and, judging from the number of entrants it augers well for the future.

After all, the competitors had come in those present adjourned to the Gymnasium where the prizes were presented by Mr. R. E. Bellios. The first, second and third prizes were presented by Mr. C. E. M. Gamley and six silver spoons were presented by Messrs J. Ullmann and Co., to the first six competitors finishing the distance.

In the course of a speech, Mr. Bellios said although the time this year was not so good as last year the competitors had the tide against them. There was a time a few years ago when the V.R.C. was looked upon as being moribund and about to die, but to-day, as an old member, he would say that the Club was very much alive and very successful, and might that success continue. In the old days members of the V.R.C. had to go over a bamboo bridge to get their "duck" amidst bamboo surroundings. Those things had now changed and if they only knew how the V.R.C. ought to be appreciated they would have had even more spirit than they had had that day. The competitors had done very well. He had known Mr. Logan from 1907, Mr. Lyon was still

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Thursday, 24th October.

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4. "AUTUMN FLOWERS" size 90 feet by 40 feet.
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old friend. Before he presented the prizes he would like to say how much he appreciated being asked to perform that task. He would like to see the V.R.C. not only the premier swimming club of Hongkong but of the East. The prizes had been presented by Mr. C. E. M. Gamley. Mr. Alves, a most energetic member of the Committee and a great athlete, had arranged the programme. He would also like to express thanks to Mr. R. M. Dyer for providing a steam launch, also to the Police for keeping the course clear and to all the officials of the V.R.C.

The prizes being presented, the proceedings concluded with cheers for the ladies and Mr. Bellios.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

## NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT  
The Fourteenth Annual

## GENERAL MEETING

## OF MEMBERS

will be held at the Club House,  
North Point,  
ON  
TUESDAY, 15th October, 1918,  
At 5.30 p.m.

## BUSINESS

To receive the Reports and  
Accounts for the period ended  
31st August, 1918.To elect Officers for the ensuing  
year;

And other General

## Business.

Note.—A Launch for the convenience of Members will leave Queen's Wharf Pier at 5 P.M. on the 15th inst.

## By Order,

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Hon. Sec. & Treasurer  
Hongkong, 30th October, 1918.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 10th October, 1918.

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Sir Alfred Booth, presiding at the adjourned annual meeting in Liverpool of the Cunard Steamship Company, said a complete liquidation of the company's business by German submarines would leave the Cunard shareholders in a perfectly happy condition on purely financial grounds, but the blow to British shipping would be very serious. He saw very stormy days ahead, the principal dangers being: (1) the difficulty of "deflating" currency and credit without destroying confidence; (2) the deadening effect of Government control; (3) an attempt to place in the hands of an international authority the dividing up of the raw materials of the world, which meant making politics and not price the determining factor of distribution; and (4) labour unrest due to false hopes of a new heaven and a new earth after the war. These were dangers facing all kinds of industries, and they must not expect to get through them absolutely unscathed. The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

## Tim Shipments Across

the Pacific.

In the course of a review of the tin outlook, a writer in a financial contemporary observes: As to the position in the Straits Settlements, it is very obscure. Private correspondence is the only source of direct information, and even at Singapore the actual facts are difficult to arrive at. It would appear that no material change has taken place in the matter of output, which it is believed is unlikely, under any circumstances, to increase, though a falling off might easily happen. The great bulk of the metal both from Singapore and the Dutch East Indies is shipped across the Pacific to the United States, where the consumption has inevitably increased to great proportions. This diversion of the Asiatic supply across the Pacific has the advantage of entirely eluding the submarine risk, and in the circumstances which have arisen, it was the obvious course to pursue. But the change of route and the dislocation of the British market is a matter of very grave concern, not only at the present time but with a view to after-war commerce. American consumption will, in all probability, show great expansion, not only for the duration of the war but afterwards. Formerly the supplies of tin to the Atlantic coast of the United States by way of London, though involving two separate voyages, had to be compared with either a voyage from the East Indies round Cape Horn or a railway haul across the continent. The Panama Canal has changed that. What the maximum tonnage of the boats is which can already use the canal is a point upon which up-to-date information is not available, but vessels of at least 2,000 tons appear to be using the canal regularly. In the future there can be little doubt that much larger ships will be accommodated. Hence, there is something more than the probability that the former status of London as the world market for

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1)

## THE ADVANCE IN FRANCE.

## The Explosions in Cambrai.

Paris, Oct. 10.

The British were surprised to find Cambrai in comparatively good condition; but from ten on the morning of 9th inst. there was a series of explosions near the cathedral owing to the blowing up of German mines. Fires broke out simultaneously and soon the streets near the cathedral and Place d'Armes formed an enormous brazier. The cathedral itself was damaged, but not by fire. Fanned by the wind, the conflagration soon reached other parts of the town. The explosions are continuing.

## The Kaiser's Anxiety.

Amsterdam, Oct. 10.

The Kaiser has sent a message to the German industrial associations: "The hour is grave. We are fighting to protect the Fatherland. The will to defend must bind all separate views."

It is reliably reported that the fortifications around Antwerp have been enormously strengthened. The Germans are feverishly entrenching two sides of a triangle, with its apex at Termonde and bases at Antwerp and Brussels.

## British take over 10,000 Prisoners.

London, Oct. 10.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: We inflicted a heavy defeat on the enemy yesterday between St. Quentin and Cambrai, prisoner over 10,000 and taking between a hundred and two hundred guns. No fewer than twenty-three German divisions engaged on this front were severely handled. As the result of this action we advanced to-day on the whole front between the Somme and Sensee, rapidly progressing eastward and capturing enemy rearguard detachments and isolated batteries and machine-gun posts. A number of inhabitants left in the captured villages met us with enthusiasm. The whole of Cambrai is in our possession. The Canadians of the First Army entered Cambrai from the north in the early morning, while later the English of the Third Army pushed through the southern portions of the town.

Since August 21st the British First, Third and Fourth Armies have broken through the whole elaborate series of deep defensive zones built up of successive belts of heavily fortified trench lines, including the entire Hindenburg system on a front of thirty-five miles from St. Quentin to Arras. Having penetrated this battle area to a depth of between thirty and forty miles we are now operating far beyond and eastward of the Hindenburg defences. During these operations and since the date mentioned we inflicted very heavy losses in killed and wounded. We have prisoner over 110,000 and have taken 1,200 guns.

Our air squadrons were active on the whole front, keeping close touch with the advancing troops. Smoke bombs dropped around the enemy's strong points proved of great value. Aeroplanes with bombs and machine-guns scattered infantry and transport. We dropped twenty-one tons of bombs, destroyed ten aeroplanes and drove down two uncontrollable. Seven British machines are missing. Our night-fliers dropped 23 tons on railways and communications. We hit and derailed two trains and started several large fires at railway sidings. All our machines returned.

We continued our advance last evening against gradually increasing resistance and early in the night our advanced detachments established themselves across the Cambrai-Le Cateau road, within two miles of Le Cateau. Fighting is proceeding southward of the main road on both sides of Caudry, also eastward of Cambrai, where we progressed.

Between the Scarpe and Lys patrols are pushing forward and are in touch with the enemy westward of the general line Vitry-en-Artois—Izel-les-Equerchin—Rouvroy. We have possession of Salmaunes and Noyelles.

Reuter learns that British cavalry are in the outskirts of Le Cateau.

## On the French Front.

London, Oct. 10.

A French communiqué states: The furious Anglo-French attacks of several days past north and south of St. Quentin have forced a general German retreat in that region. To-day our First Army pursued the enemy rear-guards between the Somme and Oise everywhere shattering local resistances and taking prisoners. East of the St. Quentin-Le Cateau railway we hold Etaves wood, and Beaufort village. Farther south we passed Fontome and reached Fontaine-Notre-Dame. We captured Marcy. North of the Oise we occupied Mezieres-sur-Oise. Our advance is eight kilometres east of St. Quentin. We have taken so far 2,000 prisoners, also guns and numerous machine-guns. North of the Arne we repulsed violent counter-attacks and approached nearer Caudry. Our attacks in the Aisne Valley have satisfactory results. We captured the plateau and village of Mont Chentin, Grandchamp and Lanson, crossed the Aisne north-east of Mont Chentin and captured Senne on the north bank after a stiff fight, taking 600 prisoners, guns and machine-guns. Unfavourable weather on Oct. 8 restricted air operations. Three enemy machines were felled and two balloons set afire. The weather improved and our night bombers dropped twenty-six tons on several stations and railways connecting them.

Reporting yesterday, Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters says: From St. Quentin to Woervre, the battle to-day progressed satisfactorily. Eastwards of St. Quentin General Debony's troops broke through the enemy line from Haulz to Neuville, converted into a field fortress, after a bitter struggle. On the extreme right General Gouraud's army in Champagne by their attack westwards of Argonne have given us possession of Vaux-les-Mourons, practically in the mouth of the Grandpre valley. Northwards of the Arne the Germans are counter-attacking to regain yesterday's lost ground. Everywhere fighting is hardest. The Germans realise that the key to the whole manoeuvre is in the centre between St. Quentin and the Aisne, where four German Armies crowded into a narrow space are menaced by the Allied armies north and east of St. Gobain Forest and the Aisne plateau, wherein the Germans deemed themselves safe against any attack.

Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters reports at ten on Wednesday evening: The Germans in Champagne are still holding tenaciously, but have been driven back at several important points. The Germans on both sides of St. Quentin are retreating before the Anglo-French. In the centre, five miles east of St. Quentin the French are in the Wotan line, the German secondary defence system. The enemy has evidently abandoned the idea of making an effective stand in the Wotan defences, which are partly in the possession of the French.

A French communiqué states: The pursuit continued during the night east of St. Quentin. We occupied Landecourt, wood, and passed Beaufort and Fontaine-Notre-Dame. North of the Aisne we vigorously pressed the enemy. East of Oisnel we held the plateau of Origny-sous-Tet. We crossed the Aisne canal further eastwards in the neighbourhood of Villers-en-Fauveresse. In Champagne a vigorous attack enabled us to capture Lucy and take prisoners.

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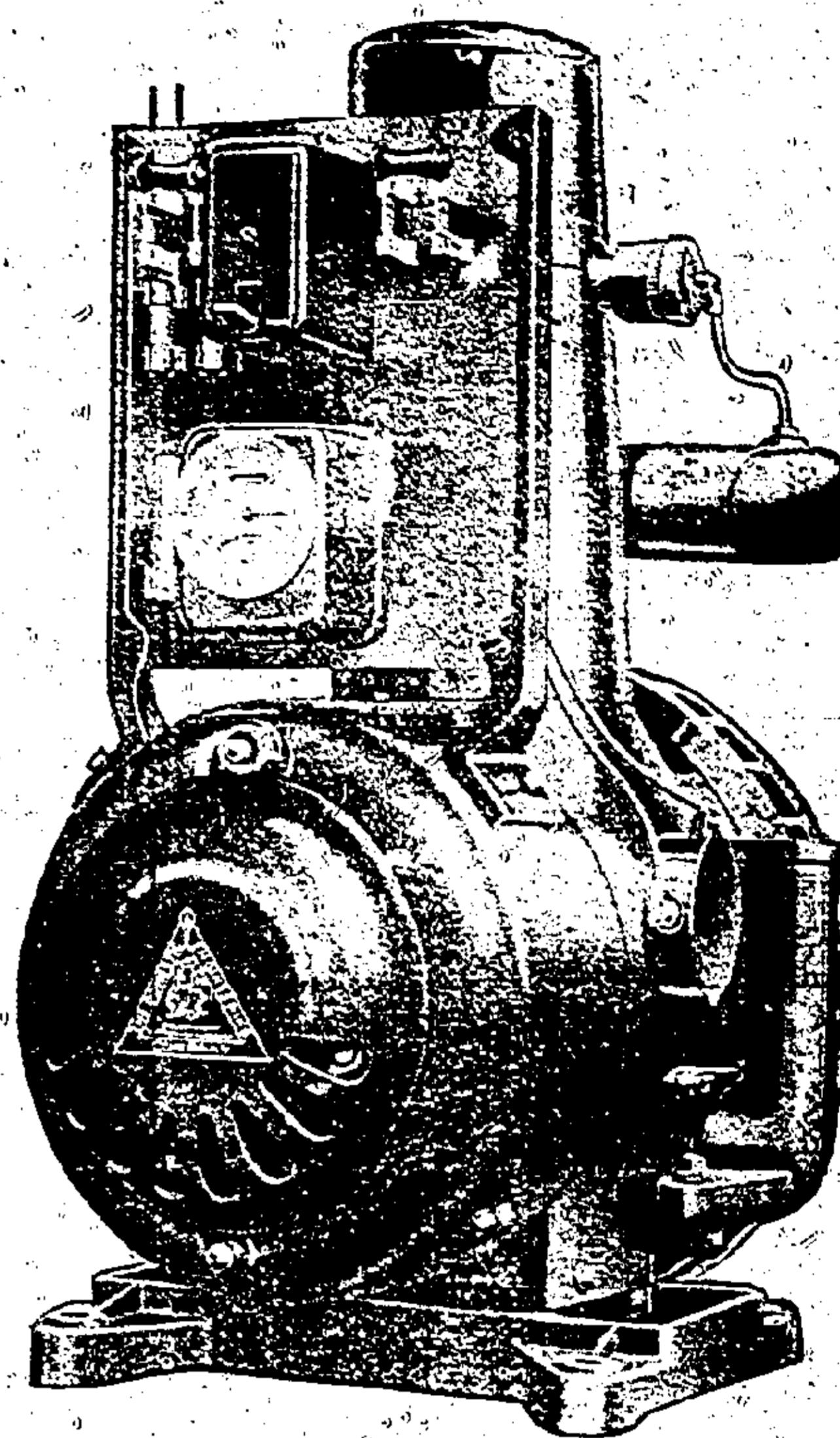
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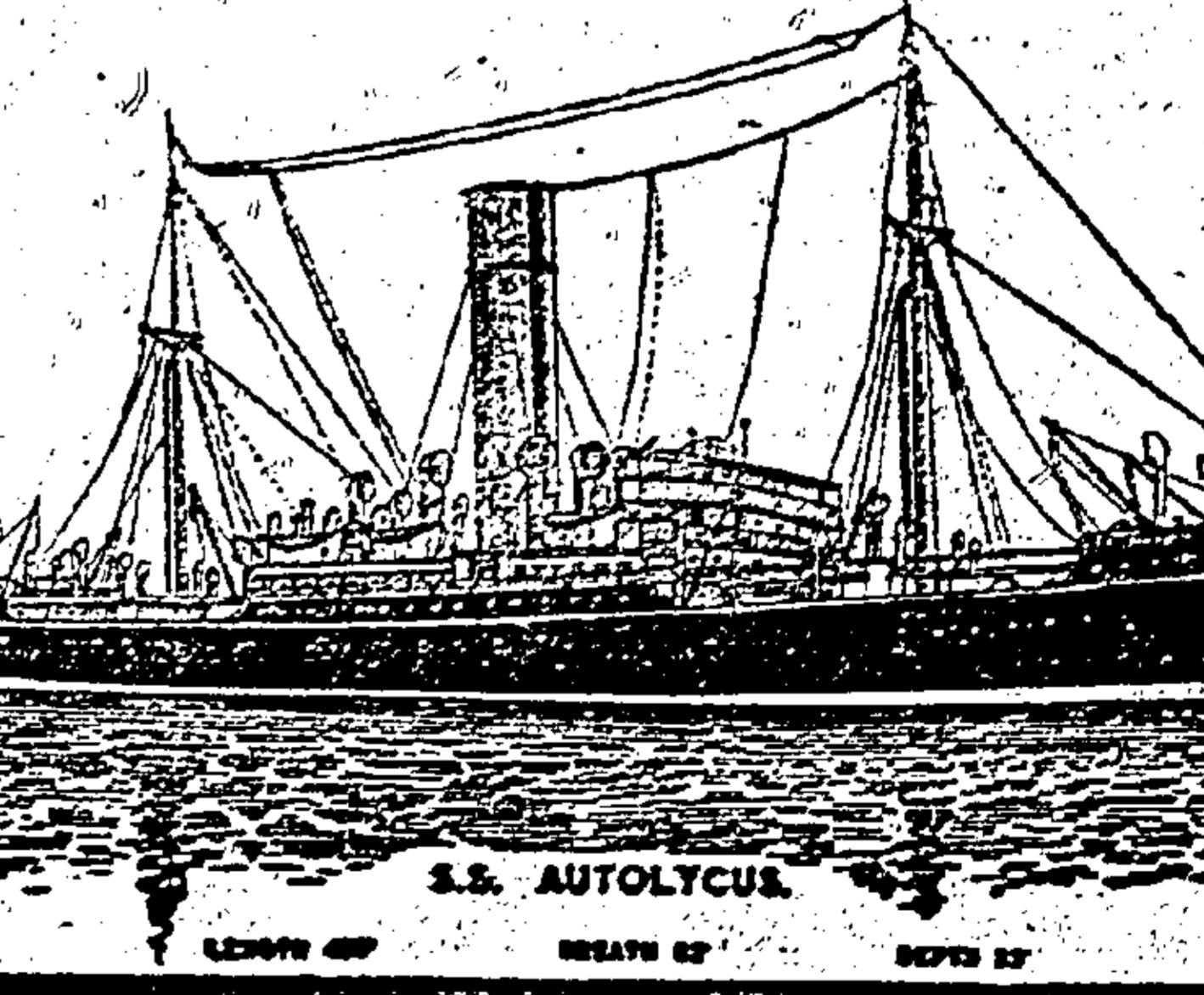
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## VICTORIES IN FRANCE.

## Allies Further Advance.

Lyons, October 10.

French wireless messages states:—Between Cambrai and St. Quentin the Allies have advanced on a front of 50 kilometres to a depth of from four to eight kilometres.

## Cambrai Destroyed.

Cambrai has been devastated by infernal machines placed there by the enemy before they evacuated the place.

## British Reach Cateau.

The British troops have reached Lomieres and Cateau. Gaudry, Bapaume and Bapaume are now under direct fire; so also is the railway line from Mauberge to Leam.

## Further French Progress.

South of Bapaume General Dubois has progressed more than eight kilometres to the east of St. Quentin. The line now passes by Fontaine-Notre Dame, Marcy and Mezieres-sur-Oise.

## British and French Captures.

The British have taken more than 10,000 prisoners and 200 guns. The French took 2,000 prisoners and also valuable material.

## French Cross the Aisne.

In Champagne General Gouraud has crossed the Aisne and holds the mouth of the Grandpierre "trouée."

## Americans Still Advancing.

The Americans east of the Argonne have progressed in the direction of Grandpierre, and have reached the south of Marcy. East of the Meuse the Americans have progressed to the approaches of Sivry-sur-Meuse and Bois-de-Champe. The enemy have been forced to give way before the pressure of the Allies.

## "BERTHA."

## COMPANY REPORT.

## The Big German Gun.

My first acquaintance with "Big Bertha," the bad-tempered long-range gun, was on the day of the last German offensive. I was standing in the gateway leading to an old-fashioned hotel in Paris, and the hour was 1.55 p.m. on a calm, bright, sunny day.

"Odd, isn't it?" I was saying "that Bertha hasn't spoken? I understand she always announced a German offensive!"

"Our airmen . . ." remarked my friend in khaki.

"Ban . . . fi!" said Bertha.

We looked at one another and laughed.

"Well, I'll be . . . ! There she goes!" we said simultaneously.

"I think that was in the Tuilleries," said the man who had heard her before. "Come and see!" And away we went to see what we could see.

It was not in the famous gardens nor any anywhere near them. A woman of the working class was walking leisurely with her two children along the pavement. Another was sweeping a doorway. A cabman was slowly parcelling the road driving a weary horse. Up and down the road there were 40 people in sight, none hurrying, none taking shelter.

Seventy or eighty miles away German gunners were getting ready another haul for Paris and Paris showed no trace of interest, excitement, or alarm.

Since that first shot I have been within a hundred yards of the spot when a Bertha shell fell, I was sitting in a restaurant open to the air. Every twenty minutes or so during the dinner hour we heard the same distant "Bam!" announcing a shell in some part of the Paris area. The waiter was taking up the bill when . . .

"Bam . . . K. K.!" There was nothing soft in the voice of Bertha this time. She cracked badly on that last note with a sound of falling glass and a tremor of the earth.

There was a general shout—almost as short and sudden as the sound of the shell-burst—and one thin, high scream from some frightened woman's throat. And then?

A wild rush down the street and past the restaurant to the spot where the shell had fallen! A rush for souvenirs, a stampede of curiosity seekers. Precious fragments of shell were in and around the spot.

My waiter went on making up the bill and carefully counting the change. Most of the diners went on dining.

The hole when I found it was a neat hollow cube in the middle of the roadway guarded by police. No one had been killed or even injured. One fragment of hot metal had flown through the window of an hotel.

On the steps of the hotel I found a fellow-countryman. He was en route for England; six weeks from the Azores where he had been taken by a Portuguese schooner after being torpedoed 500 miles out in the South Atlantic. I could not help reflecting upon the old, common-place war that this is a wonderful war!

First, one is swimming in the Atlantic, 500 miles from land in a desolate ocean waste, and then nearly hit by a shell five miles away. *Deus Me*...

## DAIRY FARM MEAT.

## A Case of Alleged Theft.

A Chinese was charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Weed, with stealing 8 lbs. 14 ounces of pork and four pounds of beef, the property of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd. Sgt. Blackman prosecuted and Mr. D. J. Lewis appeared for the defence.

Sgt. Blackman, in outlining the facts of the case, said that at about 9.45 a.m. yesterday, Mr. Wong Sui-pun, a master in St. Paul's College, was in the hostel at Chancery Lane when he saw the defendant coming from the backyard into the hostel. He saw the defendant carrying the meat and place it in the backyard. He thought it was rather strange, so he decided to watch the man. A short time afterwards he saw another man coming, with an empty basket, and the defendant put the meat in it. Mr. Wong then arrested the man carrying the parcels and came out into Chancery Lane, and the defendant was standing there. He (defendant) said this, came up and asked the master not to arrest them. Being a Police Reservist he could do nothing but arrest them. Mr. Wong then saw a Portuguese gentleman going to office and he asked him to assist in the arrest of the other man. When the defendant saw this, he went on his knees and begged him to let them go. Mr. Wong, with the assistance of the Portuguese gentleman, brought the two men to the station, and subsequently the meat was identified by Mr. B. W. Bradbury, of the Dairy Farm Co.

Mr. Wong, in giving evidence, bore out Sgt. Blackman's statement.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lewis, witness said that he was not mistaken in identity.

The receiver, in giving evidence, said that the defendant was a meat cutter in the Dairy Farm Co. At the time there was no paper wrapping on the meat. He went to his house in Graham Street and fetched some paper.

Mr. Bradbury, identified the meat as Dairy Farm Co's property. Cross-examined by Mr. Lewis, witness said that the defendant had been employed in the Dairy Farm Co. for about 20 years. He was the last man Mr. Bradbury thought would do such a thing.

Mr. H. Campos also gave evidence of the defendant's arrest.

His Worship remanded the case till Tuesday morning at 11 a.m., bail being allowed at \$200.

## VICTORIA THEATRE.

## A Special Attraction for To-morrow.

The Victoria Theatre announces the special engagement of M. Therese and Misses Senour and Gordon, who are to appear to-morrow night in characteristic and modern dances, mimicry and magic. M. Therese promises the audiences something entirely original in the entertainment line, introducing many novelties never seen in Hongkong before. Apart from his own magic turns, the other members of the party will be seen in the art of mimicry, while the dances, including many classical numbers, will be sure to appeal to all. The style of the performance, says M. Therese, is quite novel and attractive. There will no doubt be a crowded house at the Victoria to-morrow. The great photo play "M. Miss" will also be shown.

Last night's display of films at the Victoria was greatly appreciated by a large audience. The "Hidden Hand" episodes proved extremely exciting, while the Gas-tites and the Lonesome Lake comedy were decidedly good.

On the steps of the hotel I found a fellow-countryman. He was en route for England; six weeks from the Azores where he had been taken by a Portuguese schooner after being torpedoed 500 miles out in the South Atlantic. I could not help reflecting upon the old, common-place war that this is a wonderful war!

First, one is swimming in the

## MACAO'S NEW GOVERNOR.

## Reception at Club Lusitano.

His Excellency Senhor and Madame Arthur Tagminini de Barbosa were the guests of honour at the Club Lusitano last evening, when the Committee held a reception at 5.30 p.m. in the Camões Hall. At about 5 p.m. the Club was full of members, eagerly awaiting the arrival of the distinguished visitors. The Club was decorated for the occasion, the Portuguese national flag and the Union Jack being prominently displayed. There were other Allied flags as well. His Excellency was received at the entrance by Mr. E. V. M. de Sousa, Consul General for Portugal, and Mr. A. F. B. Silva Neto, President of the Club, and on H.E.'s arrival the Portuguese National Anthem was played by the Sociedade Philharmonica. He was afterwards escorted to the Hall by Mr. de Sousa and Mr. Silveira Neto. Tea and refreshments were provided, after which Mr. de Sousa proposed the health of Senhor and Madame de Barbosa, which was enthusiastically responded to with three cheers. His Excellency, in a brief speech, proposed the health and prosperity of the Portuguese community in Hongkong and the Motherland. The church should rise to guard their own skin if they would not rise for a gentler reason. They took two of the offenders in hand, and a British sailor looked after the other efficiently. We need not describe the proceedings. They were brief, and those who had sat at the wrong time fled from the scene of their misbehaviour. May not one appeal to foreigners, especially Hollanders, to exercise a little discretion?

Nobody asks them to come here and when they do come it is for their own benefit. We are prepared to give them a kindly welcome and as much freedom as they will meet with in any part of the world. But we expect decent courtesy in return, and when foreigners are ostentatiously insulting they are pretty sure to discover that the average Britisher is far from being as easy going as he looks. Such incidents as we have described are lamentable, not because British girls are hard but because some men heads are soft.

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## INDISCREET

## DISCOURTESY.

## A Regrettable Singapore Incident.

If an Englishman in any part of the Dutch East Indies kept his seat when Dutchmen rose to honour a toast to Queen Wilhelmina, or to honour a National Anthem, we should feel extremely pleased to hear that he had been well clouted for his boorishness, says the Straits Times. When Dutchmen visiting Singapore, or resident here, provoke the just anger of Britons by boorish courtesy, we lament the incident, but we cannot honestly say that we are sorry about the black eyes and bleeding noses that the discourteous ones have to nurse. The National Anthem was being

played last night at a Singapore hotel whose manager is every inch a kindly-hearted gentleman, and appreciative of the fair treatment of Hollanders in British possessions. Three boorish persons were in the hotel and they kept their seats when all others rose. Two gentlemen, long past military age, decided that the church should rise to guard their own skin if they would not rise for a gentler reason. They took two of the offenders in hand, and a British sailor looked after the other efficiently.

"I am the happiest man in the world," declared Caruso after the ceremony. "I cannot say—I could not even sing—my happiness. I have married the sweetest, most charming girl who ever lived."

The tenor's bride is 20 years his junior. She was born at Hastings-on-the-Hudson N. Y.

The noted singer's romances have been much in the lime-light. At least five women have been reported engaged to him and several law-suits have resulted. Mine Giachetti, who claimed to be the mother of his two children, came to America and made something of a scene about six years ago. Later it was reported that she had been sentenced to a year in prison in Italy for slander.

Eduard Gianielli, a Milan shopgirl, secured a breach of promise judgment against him in 1913, an appellate court later reversing the judgment but delivering Caruso a severe lecture.

Mildred Moffett a New York woman, sued him for \$100,000 in 1914 but settled for \$5,000 for which she relinquished a bundle of letters.

## LAWN BOWLS.

## An Interesting Match.

The bowls match Taikoo (League Champions) versus East of the League, will be played on the Taikoo Green on Saturday, 19th October, at 3 p.m. This occasion will also be regarded as the official closing of the Taikoo Green for this season.

The sweepstakes on the result of this match will be drawn the same day, and half of the total amount of this sweepstakes is for the St. Dunstan's Home for blind soldiers and sailors.

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## Criminal Sessions.

It is notified for general information that His Honour the Chief Justice has ordered that the next Criminal Sessions for the disposal of the business of the Court shall be held on Monday, the 21st day of October, 1918, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

## CARUSO MARRIED.

## Weds a Naval Expert's Daughter.

New York, August 20.—Enrico Caruso, noted Metropolitan Opera Company tenor, was married to night. The bride was Miss Dorothy Park Benjamin, daughter of Park Benjamin of 270, West Seventy-third street, patrician lawyer and naval and electrical expert.

The ceremony was performed at the Marble Collegiate Church by the Rev. Oliver Paul Barnhill, Bruno Zirato, Signor Caruso's personal secretary, acted as best man, and Mrs. John S. Keith as matron of honour. Following the ceremony there was a dinner and reception at the Hotel Knickerbocker.

Miss Benjamin made her debut into society about four years ago, after completing her education at the Sacred Heart Convent. Her father, who served as a naval officer in the Civil War under Farragut, has written much upon naval affairs. She has a brother, Sergeant Romyn Park Benjamin, now in France with

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## THE GREAT FOCH.

What He Has Done for the Allies.

Major E. Requin (Of the French General Staff) writes in *World's Work* for July as follows:

Foch has been for 40 years the incarnation of the French military spirit. Through his teachings and his example he was the moral director of the French General Staff before becoming the Supreme Chief of the

Allied Armies. Upon each one of us he has imprinted his strong mark. We owed to him in time of peace that unity of doctrine which was our strength. Since the war we owe to him the highest lessons of intellectual discipline and moral energy.

Physically, Foch is a man of medium height with an exceptionally striking face. His is the forehead of a thinker which is marked by two characteristic folds between the eyebrows; he has deep set eyes, a large nose, a mouth clearly outlined under a gray mustache, a wilful chin. All the features are strongly marked. His whole face expresses meditation and action, great thought and a tensile will.

His words are brief and always exactly suited to the ideas, each one having its own value, and usually accompanied by a gesture which completes the phrase either to develop or to summarise it.

Constantly at work, either meditating or discussing with a limited number of officers in whom he has entire faith; he notes in a small book, which he has constantly at hand, each one of the ideas to be remembered, with writing as clear as his every thought.

Foch was especially known in peace time through his instruction at the Ecole Supérieure de Guerre. As a professor, and then as director, he applied the method which consists in taking as the base of all strategical and tactical instruction the study of history completed by the study of military history—that is to say, field operations, orders given, actions, results, the criticisms to be made and the instruction to be drawn from them. He also used concrete cases—that is to say problems laid by the director on the map or on the actual ground according to a given general situation.

By this intellectual training, he accustomed the officers to solving all problems; not by giving them ready made solutions but by accustomed them in finding the local solution suitable to each individual case.

His mind was trained through so many years of study, that no war situation could distract him. In the most difficult ones, he quickly pointed out the goal to be reached and the means to employ, and such case of us felt that it must be right.

For it was during the great events of August and September, 1914, that Marshal Joffre realised what a valuable second Foch was to be to him. In the month to be, Gen. Foch had a mon-

of August 1914 he commanded the 20th corps in Lorraine. He displayed such qualifications that three months later he was given the command of an army. It was at the moment when Joffre was preparing his manoeuvre of the Marne. Did Joffre already have a presentiment of the events which were to take place in the centre of the French lines, when he put in, not so much new forces, as a new force, the great chief that he had foreseen in Foch?

A Will Stronger than Events. Anyway, raising a few divisions from the 4th and 5th armies and reinforcing them by two divisions, the 42nd and the 18th, Marshal Joffre placed this force under the leadership of Foch. It was upon this mass, first called "army detachment" and then the 9th army, that the German offensive broke a few days later.

Gen. Foch likes to recall the modest beginnings of this 9th army: "We were," he would say, "poor parents. A General Staff of 5 or 6 officers gathered in haste to start with, little or no working material, our note book and a few maps." For my part, I slept the first night with the guard soldiers at their post in the village to be sure not to lose the new General Staff. Thus was the 9th army created. One must imagine the difficulties of organisation and command of an army, formed in the course of the falling back movements which prepared the victory of the Marne.

The following day, the 10th, the enemy was in full retreat all along the front. The vanguard of the 9th army penetrated into Fere Champenoise toward 9.30. An hour later to mark the success and his will of pursuit, Gen. Foch installed his headquarters there among ruins filthy from the German occupation and orgies.

Such was the part of Gen. Foch in the victory of the Marne.

The Race for the Sea. A month later Gen. Joffre made Gen. Foch his second and sent him into the north of France to co-ordinate the operations of the Allied armies. To this end he was to have constant dealings with the Belgian armies in order to carry out the plan of Marshal Joffre. Through his moral authority, his knowledge of the Allies and his loyalty toward them, Gen. Foch succeeded entirely in this delicate task.

Know What a French Army Can Do.

The battle had gone on violently for three days. Upon the left, the 42nd Division, engaged in a violent wood combat across the road from Sissonne to Champsaur, was disputing with the enemy the village of St. Prix.

In the centre, the Moroccan Division was holding firmly on the heights of Mondement. The 9th corps reinforced by a reserve division stretched out on the right. But this army corps was already bending to keep in touch with the 11th corps thrown back by a crushing attack of the enemy as far as the Gougenon heights. All the reserves were engaged.

The right of the army had only been halted by the strongest injunctions of Foch, and all was in a state of insecure equilibrium which the radical effort of the enemy threatened to disrupt.

Almost any other commander would have admitted himself beaten. But Foch did not wish

exact knowledge of what can be obtained from a French army. On the evening of May 1, was ordered by him to carry to the 10th army corps—right corps of the neighbouring army which was placed under his authority for the morrow—the command to relieve the 42nd Division and to the 42nd Division the command to come and place itself facing east at the front of Ruisseau à Superbe—and to attack at 2 p.m. the right flank of the enemy who already thought themselves victorious.

This manoeuvre was more than daring. To any less existed spirit than Foch, it appeared impossible, so difficult was it in the midst of such a battle to withdraw from the combat under the leadership of Foch. It was upon this mass, first called "army detachment" and then the 9th army, that the German offensive broke a few days later.

By pushing back the right wing of his army the enemy had presented one flank. It was into this flank that the 42nd Division entirely engaged, made it cover a march back of the army front and execute an attack whose decision could be foreseen, all in one day. But Foch had made this simple but disconcerting reasoning at once.

It is absolutely forbidden to

city, and the unexpected arrival of a new German army completely organised was to alter the situation. Foch was to be forced to change from the strategical offensive, which he wanted, to the strategical defensive which the crushing numerical superiority of the enemy imposed. It was to be

by filling in the spaces with the available Anglo-French troops.

While he was improvising this new front, he sent ahead all the available French and British cavalry, to reconnoitre and check

the enemy.

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Germans concentrated as many

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that superiority which is given by the organisa-

tion of one homogeneous army.

Foch's army comprised, French,

British, Belgians, cavalrymen

on foot without bayonets, old

territorial, and sailors little

accustomed to fight on land.

But with all these odds and

ends, Foch, by a prodigy of

energy, had made one single

army, giving them one single

spirit. The Kaiser's well sup-

ported by fifteen German army

corps carefully trained, failed

before the superior will of Foch,

chief of a coalition army, organi-

sed during the battle. For the

second time after the Marne, the

Allies were saved.

Having placed his confidence

in Foch during the entire battle

of Flanders, Marshal Joffre

gave him all the means which he

could raise on the rest of the front.

When the battle was

ended our reserves of ammunition

were almost exhausted.

A negative success, would say

the German Staff with his rough

frankness, but a success without

which the victory of the

Allies would have been

impossible, and the very next day

he saw that the German offensive

upon the western front was

broken for more than a year.

This was the necessary time for

England to form her new armies.

The French army from the Marne

to Verdun has never ceased

coming from Antwerp, would

crush what remained of the

Belgian army and would occupy

our ports. The other constantly

reinforced by the 4th army,

would endeavour by way of Ypres

to reach the heights of Kemmel,

Cassel, and overflow the Anglo-

French left wing.

It was therefore a matter for

Foch to raise a wall before both

these attacks and to smash them.

The decisive victory which would

be obtained later depended on

this. His first action was that of

reestablishing a liaison with the

Belgian army and to reinforce it

so as to prolong the front to the

sea.

Upon the still empty space

stretching between Lys and the

sea, he formed a few strong

centres such as Ypres and

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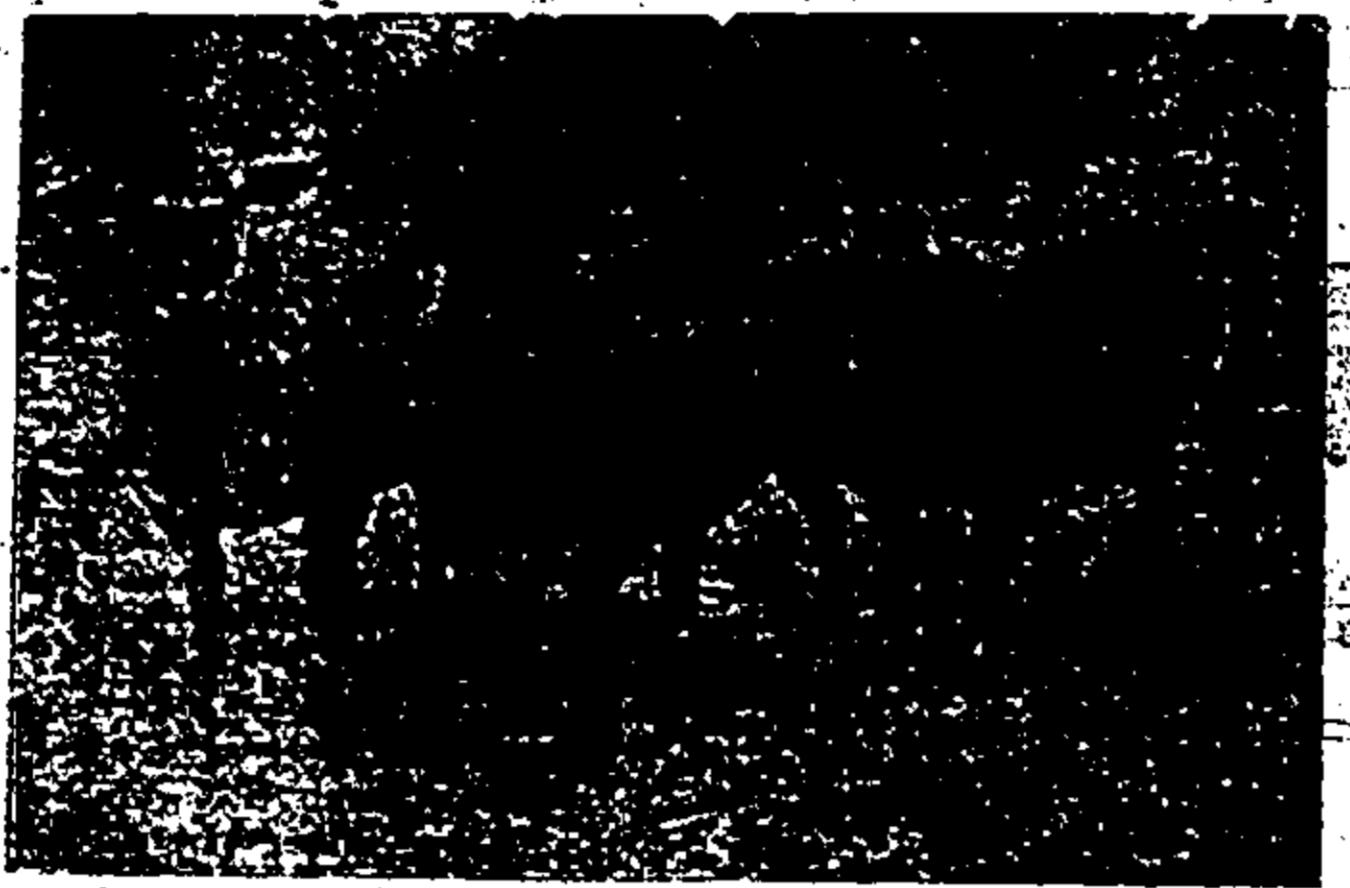
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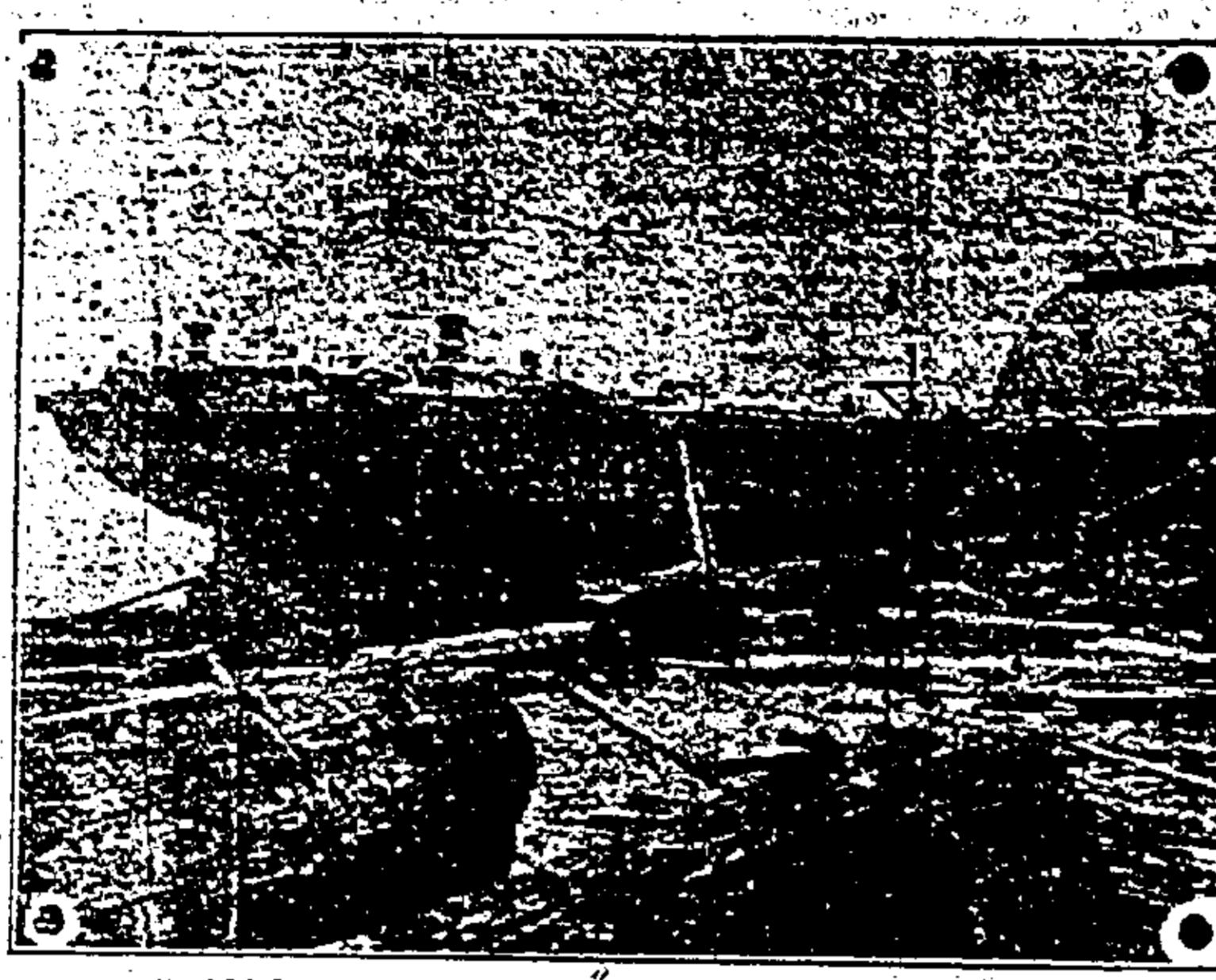
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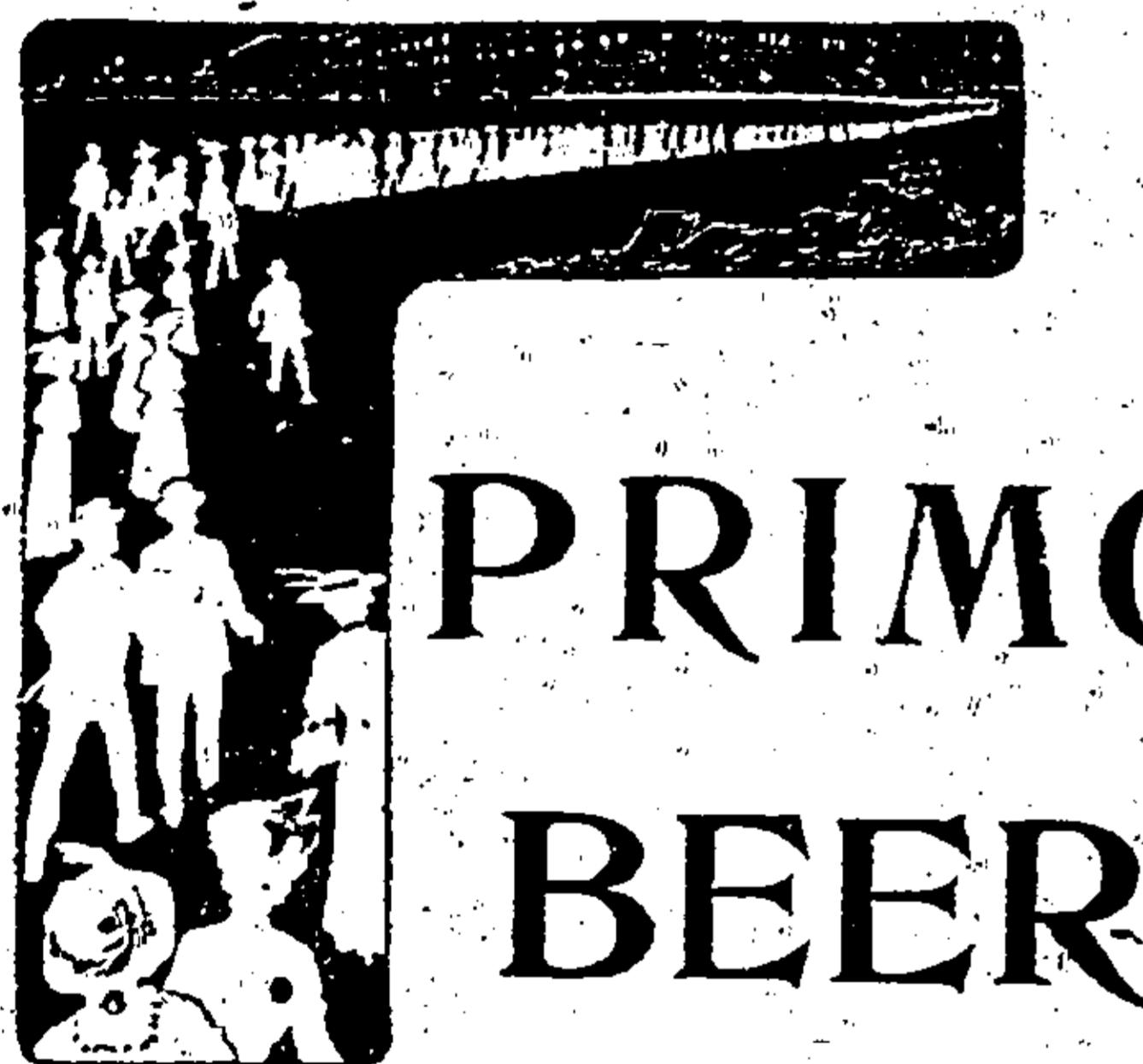
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### COMMERCIAL NEWS.

#### Liability of Auditors.

An important action recently engaged the attention of Mr. Justice Salter over several days, dealing with the liability of an auditor. The plaintiffs in the action were the Colne Gas Company against Mr. Curtis, of Bath, who is an incorporated accountant. The gas company claimed from Mr. Curtis repayment of the loss sustained through the defalcations of their late secretary, which, it was alleged, should have been discovered by the auditor. The irregularities spread over a long period, commencing in 1906, and they were never discovered until after the secretary had left the employ of the company. The amount is not much, although the principle involved is an important one for accountants and auditors. Judgment was given in favour of the defendant, who was not held to be negligent in the conduct of the audit nor lacking in the requisite skill. Had the case gone against the auditor it would have been a very serious matter, and would obviously have entailed a considerable increase in the burden of responsibility for all auditors of public companies.

Overseas Coal Trade.  
Sir Thomas Watson, Bart., has been elected in the vacancy on

the Council of the Cardiff Chamber of Commerce. The coal exporters of South Wales are under a deep debt of gratitude to Sir Thomas for his untiring efforts in connection with the coal export trade of South Wales. Were it not for his efforts and those of Mr. T. J. Callaghan it is quite possible that coal exporters might have been swept aside and shared the same fate as many merchants and shipbrokers. Sir Thomas is the chairman of the Coal and Coke Supplies Committee at Cardiff, a committee which the Controller of Mines looks upon as the body responsible for the production and distribution of the vast quantity of coal raised in the South Wales district. He possesses a wonderful grasp of the overseas coal export trade and in this direction is acknowledged to be the foremost authority in the kingdom, to day a distinction which was formerly held by his colleague, the late Lord Rountree.

Refining Java Sugar in Japan. The latest feature of the sugar industry in Japan is the fact that two sugar companies in Formosa, which have hitherto specialised in the production of crude sugar, have been making arrangements to undertake the refining of crude sugar imported from Java. Hitherto refineries in Formosa have suspended operations be-

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7.00 a.m.	to 6.00 a.m.	Every 15 min.
7.30	to 6.30	10 min.
8.00	to 7.00	15 min.
8.30	to 8.00	15 min.
9.00	to 9.00	15 min.
9.30	to 10.00	15 min.
10.00	to 11.00	15 min.
10.30	to 12.00	15 min.
11.00	to 12.30	15 min.
11.30	to 13.00	15 min.
12.45 p.m.	to 1.15	15 min.
1.15	to 2.15	15 min.
1.45	to 3.15	15 min.
2.15	to 4.15	15 min.
2.30	to 5.15	15 min.
2.50	to 6.00	15 min.
3.00	to 6.00	15 min.
3.30	to 6.00	15 min.
4.00	to 6.00	15 min.
4.30	to 6.00	15 min.
5.00	to 6.00	15 min.

#### NIGHT CARS.

8.30 p.m.	9.30 p.m.	10.00 p.m.	11.00 p.m.
11.00 p.m.	12.00 a.m.	1.00 a.m.	2.00 a.m.
11.30 p.m.	12.30 a.m.	1.30 a.m.	2.30 a.m.

#### SATURDAYS EXTRA CARS.

1.30 p.m. and 12.00 midnight.

#### SUNDAYS.

10.30 a.m. Every 5 min.

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10.30 a.m. to 1.00

10.30 a.m. to 2.00

10.30 a.m. to 3.00

10.30 a.m. to 4.00

10.30 a.m. to 5.00

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10.30 a.m. to 7.00

10.30 a.m. to 8.00

10.30 a.m. to 9.00

10.30 a.m. to 10.00

10.30 a.m. to 11.00

10.30 a.m. to 12.00

10.30 a.m. to 1.00

10.30 a.m. to 2.00

